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SUBJECT: REPLY TO USSR ON BUNDESTAG PRESIDUM MEETING IN BERLIN

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1. AT BOON GROUP MEETING MARCH 21 US REP TABLED DRAFT  
CONTAINED REFTEL A AND URGED AGREEMENT BY OTHER REPS.  
IN DISCUSSION WHICH ENSUED, UK REP (CROMARTIE) SAID THAT  
HE COULD NOT AGREE--NOR DID HE THINK FCO COULD-- TO  
ELIMINATION OF PHASE "THERE IS NO INTENTION OF HOLDING  
MEETINGS OF THE PRESIDUM AND COUNCIL OF ELDERS OF THE  
BUNDESTAG WHICH ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE QA." THIS  
WORDING, SAID CROMARTIE, GOES TO THE VERY HEART OF UK  
POSITION ON ENTIRE MATTER, REFLECTING LONDON'S WILLING-  
NESS TO DEFEND ONLY THOSE MEETINGS OF PRESIDUM IN  
BERLIN WHICH WERE HELD UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS (A  
REFERENCE TO UK VIEW THAT PRESIDUM IS A "COMMITTEE").  
HE THEN REQUESTED US REP TO GO BACK TO WASHINGTON WITH  
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BONN GROUP AD REF TEXT (REFTEL B) AND URGE ACCEPTANCE

BASED ON FACT THAT OTHER THREE CAPITALS HAVE ALREADY  
DONE SO.

2. US REP DECLINED SUCH ACTION, AND SAID AT THIS POINT  
BEST ALL REPS COULD DO WAS REPORT DISCUSSION. HE NOTED,  
HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUGGEST COMPROMISE  
LANGUAGE TO WASHINGTON ON FOLLOWING LINES. BEGIN TEXT:  
(A) WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR ORAL COMMUNICATION OF 2  
JANUARY 1974 CONCERNING MEETINGS IN THE WESTERN SECTORS  
OF BERLIN OF CERTAIN ORGANS OF THE BUNDESTAG OF THE  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, I AM AUTHORIZED TO STATE  
THE FOLLOWING ON BEHALF OF THE AUTHORITIES OF THE THREE  
ALLIES:

(1) NEITHER THE PRESIDUM NOR THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS OF  
THE BUNDESTAG HAVE HELD MEETINGS IN BERLIN AS MENTIONED  
IN YOUR JANUARY ORAL STATEMENT.

(2) THERE IS NO INTENTION OF HOLDING MEETINGS OF THE  
PRESIDIUM AND COUNCIL OF ELDERS OF THE BUNDESTAG WHICH  
ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. IN  
THIS CONNECTION ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE STATEMENT MADE  
BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE THREE POWERS IN ANNEX II TO  
THE QA IN THE LIGHT OF THE CLARIFICATION AND INTERPRETA-  
TION CONTAINED IN THE ASSOCIATED LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER  
3, 1971 FROM THE AMBASSADORS OF THE THREE POWERS TO THE  
CHANCELLOR OF THE FRG, WHICH HAD BEEN OFFICIALLY  
COMMUNICATED TO THE AMBASSADOR OF THE SOVIET UNION PRIOR  
TO ITS DESPATCH. END TEXT. FRG REP THEN FORCEFULLY  
URGED UK REP TO AGREE TO THIS POSSIBILITY. CROMARTIE  
RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD REPORT PROPOSAL BUT COULD NOT  
GUARANTEE ANYTHING.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF NEW  
TEXT GIVEN PARA 2 ABOVE. OUR JUDGEMENT IS, SINCE  
DELETION PHRASE IN LAST PARA BONN GROUP AD REF TEXT  
INDEED DOES GO TO HEART OF MATTER FROM UK POINT OF  
VIEW, THAT NEW TEXT IS BEST WE LIKELY TO GET. HILLENBRAND

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